

# RHETORIC

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## Is a banana split a cultural event?



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ... AND OTHER PEOPLE

To the editor,

This letter is a protest against a recent miscarriage of power conducted by those in charge of financing activities at FSC. I am referring to the Banana Split which was eaten in front of the Student Union Building on Thursday, May 1, from 4:00 to 4:05 p.m. and sponsored by the Program's Committee. I'm not sure if the student body is aware that this 5 minute long activity cost us close to \$550.00 and was sponsored by a group which supposedly had no funds to help out the clubs in this school which have been struggling to survive with almost no financial backing from the SGA.

In the middle of last semester a Sociology major was opened to students on campus. Less than one month after the new majors decided to start a club with all activities open to faculty and the entire student body. We went to the SGA office with a Constitution and asked if we could receive some collateral (for a raffle, all-college party, etc.) so we could raise our own money to back our activities. We were told that because we were late applying (we couldn't come earlier as there was no sociology major in existence at that time) we could not receive funding as there was NO MONEY AVAILABLE.

Following the Christmas break we were forced to return to SGA as they had lost our Constitution and it had to be re-approved. At this time we asked again for funding (\$50.00) and after two weeks of discussions with various SGA officers we did in fact receive a check - a stack of paper and some stamps. I'll not even go into the difficulty we had obtaining that. Since that time there have been 4 activities held related to the Sociology Club that were open to the entire student body - a film workshop, a field trip to Concord Prison, Sociology Day, and a trip to Columbia, Maryland. The Sociology Department twice had to dig up money to help us out, usually coming from the community at large.

Now it has been discovered that \$550.00 has mysteriously appeared to fund a ridiculous 300 ft. Banana Split that was never even completed and lasted a total of 5 minutes.

I find this to be a complete misuse of the financial power granted to a few students on his campus, and it shows how little communication transpires between representative government and the financial boards at FSC.

I do not totally blame SGA as they did not have any money to allocate DIRECTLY. I do hold the Cultural Events Board responsible as they did in fact have money - at least to sponsor a Banana Split - A "cultural" event?

At this point, it is too late to deal with the governing board which permitted this injustice. However, it is the hope of the Sociology Club, as well, I am sure, of all the other clubs on campus which have not the same difficulties in dealing with the past SGA and related boards, that the new

Student Government will be aware of these injustices and be more responsive to student needs in the future. It can be certain that funding will be much more carefully observed in the next and following years.

In closing, I would like to extend an apology to both Fran and Mary Ellen of the SGA office as this criticism is in no way related to them. I believe they did everything in their power to help us out. It is just as hard for them to deal with an ineffective governing body as it has been for us.

Sincerely,

Robin Ultch  
President of Sociology

Last month the elections for S.G.A. and class officers were held. Until that time I was unfortunately one of the many in this college who didn't care to vote. As I was going into Thompson Hall, William Collins handed me a piece of paper with his name on it. He asked me to vote for him as a write-in candidate for S.G.A. president. I was impressed by his desire to be elected even though he had to overcome the obstacle of not being on the ballot. I have never seen very much prestige in the office so I believed that Collins honestly felt that he could better things as an S.G.A. officer. After all, he had already involved me enough to vote when I wasn't planning to.

When I received the ballot I was suddenly surprised. Of the six S.G.A. offices, four of them had only one candidate, requiring write-ins for any opposition and the other two were completely dependent on write-ins!

Over the next two days I saw Collins in Thompson's lobby campaigning. "Certainly even the smallest increase in student interest to vote should be welcomed," I thought, remembering the blank spaces on the ballot.

Collins' attempt to be S.G.A. president was in vain. The reason is why I am writing this article. Some of his votes weren't acknowledged because voters used names that are derived from William, such as Billy, or abbreviated his first name. A number of other votes were cancelled because in the space that called for an X after the candidate's name, a check had been placed.

I am aware that these votes could rightfully be disallowed under a very strict system, but how many things in this school are done strictly systematically? I'm not trying to make a hard time for anyone in charge, I just don't want to see an injustice committed because of a technicality in a system. Systems aren't able to see an injustice but people should be! If William Collins isn't allowed all the votes I have mentioned it will be because someone in charge wants it that way, not the voters.

Dear Editor:

We will make available to any of you interested readers an information sheet of summer jobs searching. This is absolutely free, and all that is necessary is that the student request this from us and enclosed a stamped self addressed envelope. We do research in this area, and are more than happy to release this to students in search of summer jobs.

Our address:

Scientific Professional Enterprises, College Division  
2237 El Camino Real  
Palo Alto, California 94306

Dear Editor:

We are pleased to announce that William J. Moore of Fitchburg State College will share credits with his poem entitled "Walk at Midnight" in The Berkshire Anthology. Mr. Moore will be appearing in the anthology with such notable poets as Richard Wilbur, Anne Sexton, and William Gibson, author of The Miracle Worker.

The book is now on sale at most bookstores. The Berkshire Anthology is published in Lenox, Mass.

Mr. Moore will be reading his poetry in Lenox this summer.

To the Editor:

I've known Chris Murphy for quite some time and since I am female I cannot help but adore those cold, cold eyes of his. It seems that his eyes follow me wherever I go. I cannot help but believe that the letter from PADURKA is true for if still waters do indeed run deep then Chris is deeper than the Marianas Trench. There must be the mind of a genius behind those "bedroom eyes".

Always, Your caheza

Teresa Bodista  
(please do not print my name)

Ed. Note: I hear Holliston guys are like that — right Stoney?

Editors:

Just as happened last year, our assinine Administration has over-accepted residents for Herlihy Hall. So what happens is this — next year they again crowd guys into corner rooms and stick some in area motels and hotels. Meanwhile they try to discourage the present occupants of the dormitory from coming back.

Our state taxes pay these gray-suited hoochs in Administration \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year and about all they do to earn this huge salary is produce tons and tons of bullshit. Instead of cutting the school budget and raising the tuition, the state should rid us of these worthless figureheads.

Martin Lusatos

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to extend my congratulations to the mature people who have duly inaugurated our new library. This has been artfully accomplished with the addition of quality art work and profound philosophical passages written on the stalls in the men's room.

Agreeable, some of the art work is indeed that of high calibre (though subject matter is not) and some of the graffiti is quite humorous, but it is somewhat saddening to think that these treasures are the work of college students.

Agreed, it might be fun to write trivial anecdotes on the walls, but is it funny to deface college property, or amusing to the custodian who must continually wash and/or paint the walls?

The graffiti is not by any means offensive to anyone, nor do I feel anyone really cares whether or not the walls are plastered with it, because after all, how much time do you spend in the men's room?

Perhaps the humor outweighs the clean-up. Perhaps the graffiti should be left alone and not washed off the walls. Hey S.G.A., any chance of putting a "graffiti board" on campus, open to all for these immoral works? It might be a definite boost for morale and less work for the custodians.

Ray Lucier

DEAR EDITOR:

Among our College Faculty is one person who deserves a very large pat on the back! Prof. Lilian Tater is due to retire from teaching after many years of service to the students at Fitchburg State College.

I get a little lump in my throat when I think of Miss Tater leaving us. To use Miss Tater's expression, "my heart palpitates" when I think of her leaving. One of the best and I have to admit most unusual semesters I ever had while at FSC was when I had "Kiddies Lit" with MA TATER.

Ma Tater is the greatest story teller. I was in the land of make-believe when in her class. She always insisted on the best work from us. She was going to make us LITERATE if it killed her. I received many a bad mark on my papers, but somehow, somewhere I sneaked by in English grammar.

Ma Tater wasn't afraid to tell us her views on life. She has the highest values and makes one take a good look at oneself when in her class. I have to laugh of the time she preached to the class on "shacking up". Where were our morals? She was the most "human" of all the professors I've ever had.

In class we would sit and chew gum, "Like cows chewing their cuds," as Ma Tater would tell us that we should write our congressman because our country was being sold out.

All the memories I will have of this genuine LADY! To those students that bad her, You know how I feel. Ma Tater loves her students and loves teaching. Well "LIL" WE LOVE YOU.

I hope everyone takes a few minutes to wish you well as you leave your home at FSC. And I feel honored for having called you MA Tater . . . because you're tops!!!

We'll miss you,  
Anonymous

P.S. My name is withheld because I'm afraid Miss Tater might correct the grammar mistakes.

ED. NOTE:

Sorry, Miss Tater didn't correct your grammar mistakes. I waded through them and corrected the most serious ones! Thank you for your letter.

To all the people on campus, From administrators, to faculty, to students, to janitors and mailwomen - to all whom I call friends and lovers -

Thanks for everything, the four years here were a ball.

Fran Trevisani

Dear Concerned Christian:

I don't know if you expected to hear from me again or not, but you sounded somewhat agitated in your letter. Sorry if I got you all hot and bothered. I wasn't going to reply at first, but thanks to my numerous supporters and special thanks to L.B. for that extra burst of inspiration I'm happy to say that I WON'T be repressed.

First of all, in any further correspondences please refrain from addressing me as "girl", "kiddo", and "Sister". These terms lend a connotation of familiarity.

Secondly, the verses you mentioned piqued my curiosity I not only read those dictated, but the surrounding material also. And I used both the St. James Version and the Revised Standard Version, which brings me to my main point.

The Bible, if desired, can be taken literally, or it can be interpreted to the individual's choosing. I found that even among the different versions there are discrepancies as to word meanings — I suggest you try reading the revised Standard Version or a paraphrased edition to see my point. I also find that, were the Bible taken as is, we would be the perpetrators of slavery and suppression of women's rights.

Now then, if you want to play with words, don't fornicators also include married people or do you call them something else once they've made "it" legal? Do you really think God recognizes a piece of paper, namely a marriage license? Also, in no way, shape or form was the word marriage used in the versus I read. That was YOUR interpretation.

You also mentioned homosexuality, and yes, I feel it is a very real and natural part of life. If a homosexual goes with members of the opposite sex, denying a natural attraction for those of the same sex, then it is artificial ergo unnatural.

I am not trying to persuade you to my way of thinking or to give up your virginity. I'm only trying to help you see another side of the story. I feel that what one does is solely up to the individual. Some of my friends are virgins and I completely respect them for their beliefs? I also completely respect my non-virginal friends for their beliefs. What is right for one is not necessarily right for another.

And I hope you were just kidding when you said you felt sorry for people like me because I'm sure you have much better things to do with your time. Besides, what good does it do except feed your own ego? I feel very secure in my principles and don't intend to change my lifestyle because the act of love has enhanced many of my friendships either directly or indirectly and has enabled me to respond person to person. In bed there is no need nor the opportunity for people-games or phonies.

Everything is out in the open. These are not my rationalizations, but facts. On the other hand, I don't recommend that everyone jump in bed with their friends — it must be right in the heart of the individual.

In conclusion, I would like you to begin thinking in broader terms than you have in the past in all disciplines, not only in terms of morals. And I would prefer not to meet with you as I no more expect to "get further" with you than you should with me. Besides, so many people enjoy reading us. Have a wonderful summer, Concerned Christian, and don't try to change anyone, especially yourself.

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DEAR EDITORS

As a female resident of the Burg, I find time apart

from my academic major to engage in more pleasant activities, such as male-watching. In fact, I've got it down to a science, as do many students here. By sitting in strategic sites on campus one can get an excellent cross-section of the student population. Once in a while there will come along an outstanding individual or group of individuals who can't be ignored.

This past year has, in general, been rather subdued, apathetic, and uneventful. I would like to pay tribute to the following, without whose presence we may have suffered even worse.

To John McGuinness: I would like to say that without a doubt you are one of the hottest sex objects on campus. Your never-ending efforts at instigating a party are to be applauded. We love ya, big J!

To Boh McCarrick: You certainly should be awarded most colorful personality of the Burg, and we missed you that first semester. Your wit has sparked many a dull moment.

To John J. Fettig: You have got to be voted the best-all-around guy. Your sparkling eyes, flashing smile, inimitable laugh, and unexpected antics leave us in absolute adoration.

To Phil Papoojian: You've got to be the neatest, cleanest guy on campus. What a refreshing change from the dungaree drabs! By the way, how many wash loads do you do a week?

To Boh Shaw: You're probably the friendliest and most well-known personality on campus. Certainly no wall-flower.

To the Basketball Team: Your moonlight serenades never fail to wake us from a sound sleep. Encore!

To Richie Bonanno: Out of all the Fenwicks (the Himasters of them all) you are to be commended for filling the shoes of Fred Vona. Even on your down days you don't forget to say hi to anyone.

To Jay Beliveau: You definitely stand out as the most stalwart protesters of haircuts. And remember the dungarees to keep them hole-y.

To the Esos: You've got to be the longest standing Underdogs of the Burg. Cheer up, fellas, there's a few normal ones.

To Pete Kuda: You are simply outstanding. You are never boring, male chauvinistic (men can be so silly!) or malicious.

And finally, not to be forgotten, to the Pranksters: You're the most entertaining, most athletic bunch around. You guys definitely have it. Without you, the campus would have no scapegoat, no one to talk about, no one to tsk-tsk. Power to the Pranksters.

Well, folks, there it is. I'm sure there are many of you out there in newspaperland who will disagree, but ya gotta admit, The above-mentioned are all indeed outstanding in one way or another.

(Steve, you're pretty outstanding, too!)

Linda Morena

Dear Fitchburg State,

Where were you last Thursday night? Come on, let's get our shit together. The Zotos Brothers were great! They were the best group ever to hit Fitchburg State and only a handful of people showed up. But! We had a great time. If you idiots don't show up for some of these FREE Cultural Events activities, there won't be anymore. Signed, Concerned and Apalled

Letters con't

An Open Letter to the Student Body,

Recently, computer experts have devised a system that will expose student applications for employment to over twenty thousand employers from coast to coast and twenty foreign countries.

The concept is very simple. A large number of companies find it convenient to lease computer time for their own use (called time sharing or remote batch usage) from computer service companies set up for just this purpose. Through computer terminals in their offices, they have access to a fantastic amount of knowledge and service at very inexpensive rates. As a matter of fact, virtually all of the Fortune Top 1300 companies are either vendors or users.

Through the use of extremely thorough and complete resumes, American Personnel Systems Corporation is forming the most complete and extensive personnel bank in history. This data bank is being made available to every corporation with a terminal facility. All major vendors of computer time, including General Electric, University Computing, Control Data Corporation, United Computing, Service Bureau Corporation, McDonnell Douglas, and others, have contracted with American Personnel and are currently working to make this service available to all of their client/users, over twenty thousand strong, employers of almost all types of positions known.

As an example, the personnel officer of a large corporation (say U.S. Steel) receives instructions to hire a graduate in chemical engineering for their facility in Dallas, Texas. The officer then feeds the computer the appropriate job requirements. The computer then responds with applicant resumes that either meet or exceed those requirements. At this point the officer is unaware of the sex, age, creed, color, religion, name or address of the applicants. His choice is made only on background and skills. The selected applicants are then sent an invitation via the computer to call the officer for an interview. Since the applicant has detailed in the resume the job characteristics he or she demands, they know that the position offered meets or exceeds those demands.

The one time total charge to the applicant for twelve full months of exposure is only \$25. This is the only fee the student pays and the employer will pay no fee; the only expense to the employer will be computer time to look at resumes. The charge for this should average less than a small want ad in the local newspaper.

Posters have been furnished to the President of the Student Council, with take-ones attached. These informational posters are placed in traffic areas of the campus.

With the end of the school year fast approaching, the need has never been more acute for students to consider their professional futures.

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the people responsible for hiring the jazz group which performed here April 23rd.

They were excellent and I think (along with perhaps the other 50 or so who attended) it would be well worth it to ask them back. I enjoyed every moment but couldn't help wondering why so few people were there. Was there a beer blast somewhere?

Letter to the Editor

I am an avid music buff and I think I know quite a bit about it. So who is this Larry Robkoff character who is masquerading as a music reviewer? I think he has about as much talent as my little sister, Elizabeth (she is only 8 months old). Where did you dig up this loser anyway? I would have gladly done the job and done it WELL myself had you asked me.

If I ever meet up with this turkey I will tell him to his face how horrible he really is, but it seems that he is always hiding somewhere. (I probably would too if I wrote like him).

Vehemently yours,  
Walter Sage  
214 Crane Street  
Gardner, Mass.

Ed note: Your sister must be extremely talented! Anyway, how about dropping by the RHETORIC office in September? We want writers, and we'd love to have you review any album any time. Try it - prove what you say isn't just "talk." Show us your stuff - you won't be turned away.

Dear Editor:

First of all I would like to know just who the hell are the Fubars? I have seen shirts and that name on some desks throughout the school. How do you pronounce it?

Last night I saw some of them with their shirts on in the cafeteria. Are they a fraternity or a sports team or just a bunch of sick guys? PLEASE answer this question as all us girls would really like to know.

Curious in New Hall

To the Editor,

I would like to take this time to express my sincere disappointment at the inefficiency that is being shown by Mr. Tom Batinelli as head of the physical education in his duty of supervising the gymnasium-related activities. Mr. Batinelli has neglected the requests and desires of the students at this school since his return from a leave of absence.

As a student, I feel I should let the student body as well as the faculty and administration know of the incompetence of this individual. From my own personal relationship with Mr. Batinelli, I can only say he is a very nice gentleman. However he is unqualified in his position.

To give grounds to the following statements that I have made, I would like to give a few examples. Throughout the earlier part of this academic year 1974-1975, the gym was repeatedly locked up on the weekend either Saturday or Sunday and in some cases both! There is not a sufficient number of locks for the lockers downstairs in the gymnasium for use by students. The most absurd thing that has come up recently by Mr. Batinelli is the shut-down of towels (yes, towels) to students following their showers. How ridiculous! I know we're living in a time of recession but this is going a little overboard.

I feel Mr. Batinelli should get off his butt and start showing a little cooperation. If not, I think the students at this college should make a motion to have him replaced.

Sincerely,  
Robert G. McCarrick

Editorial

It should be evident to us now that we have gotten off scot free in financing our education - thus far. But a less obvious question we should ask ourselves would be, "Is this rise in tuition and cut in services directly connected with the fiscal problems of private higher education, or is it the final result of a political game?" We know the state schools have not been sold outright to a person who has chosen to raise the rent, and we can probably rule out the idea that our money would go directly to the State Treasury and from there to wherever Mike(Arch-Conservative) Dukakis wants it to go. So I think we can conclude that this money is going to aid private higher education, and I think it is also reasonable to conclude that this money will aid the State higher education bureaucracy in blundering through a few more years of their classic inefficiency.

I think that State higher education is inefficient and destructive. And I ask the question, "When it costs the taxpayer as much to send a student to Fitchburg State as it would to send the student to a private school, why not send the student to a private school?" My reasoning is that I do not like to see private schools hurt by State extravagances. A State college can get a building and additions to facilities instantly from the State, while a private college must sacrifice for years to complete a comparable project. State higher education administrators' salaries are way out of line with those of private educators. State higher education overhead is used up before there is a chance to produce quality education. I think this is the result of people with power and influence within State government, high on the payrolls, who have been allowed to ride out the changes in administrations, capitalizing on us, the unorganized students.

Dukakis, who represents the conservative element in Massachussetts, will perpetuate this operation as long as he knows that we, the stomping ground, remain unorganized. He will take elderly off of welfare, he will ride the MBTA while cutting back it's funds and ignoring the Penn Central, and he will flatten anyone but those who are organized. He will not oppose labor unions, large corporations, highway lobbyists; because it is these people who keep him in power. And he will raise our tuition and cut our services until we do something about it.

John Campbell

Day Care Conference at UMB

In recent years many of the Massachusetts State Colleges and Universities have been the focus of interest and concern for day care; several have seen the establishment of child care centers on their campuses. Although these child care centers are in varying stages of evolution, it is clear that they share many of the same issues and problems.

A day long conference focused on the unique problems and possibilities of state campus child care will be held May 18, 1975 from 9 to 4 at the University of Massachusetts at Boston. The objective of the conference is to promote communication among those concerned with campus child care and to share information and ideas that will help meet the challenges of campus child care. Workshops will investigate such topics as how to organize for and start a day care center, how to acquire and maintain funding, and how to lobby for positive action on day care issues.

The registration fee of \$2 should be paid by check or money order to the State Campus Child Care Conference. The registration fee will cover coffee and donuts, a buffet lunch and child care. Early registration for the conference is advised as there is day care available for a maximum of 40 children, ages one through six. Further information on this conference can be supplied through your dean's office (dean of students) or by writing or calling the Office for Student Affairs (617-287-1900 ex. 2501) UMB Harbor Campus, Dorchester, Ma. 02125.

STATE CAMPUS CHILD CARE CONCERENCE  
SUNDAY MAY 18 9:00 to 4:00 UMB

Name. . . . . Tel. No. . . . .

University. . . . .

Check one: Student. . . Faculty. . . Administration. . . Other. . .

Child care necessary: yes. . . no. . . age(s) of child(ren). . . .

Special needs. . . . .

Send form and payment to:  
State Campus Child Care Conference  
Day Care Center  
UMB Harbor Campus  
Morrissey Boulevard  
Dorchester, Mass. 02125

Please return by May 12 and include your name, address and telephone number if you need child care.

See you in  
September  
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Comments and Observations

With only scarce days before the RHETORIC presses close down for the summer season we would like to issue a report concerning the health of our school newspaper. It can stand now and almost walk.

We don't claim to be the Boston Globe but we have improved and we will improve a great deal more. Our staff, which once could have played tennis together, has swelled to almost fifteen. With the acquisition of Charles E. May, Nicholas Sifikis, Barbara Pare, Karen Grasso, Paul Hallion, Deborah Horan, Robert Shaw and Kathy Field we can now do far more than we ever could before. We are not satisfied however; for although fifteen is much better than five, it is not nearly as good as 50 could be.

Individuals and groups on campus are just beginning to recognize the range, the influence, and the potential of our newspaper. An article or series of articles in the RHETORIC is far more effective than a scrap of paper on the board in the lobby of Thompson Hall. The RHETORIC is now alive.

Looking ahead to next year — we'll bring with us the same staff and the same optimism. Anyone who would like to join us is welcomed. We would believe that this year's RHETORIC is a great improvement over last year's CYCLE, and we vow that next year's RHETORIC will be even better.

THE RHETORIC STAFF, NEVER ONES TO BE COMPLACENT

The RHETORIC staff, never ones to be complacent or afraid of change, hopes that you, the students of this higher institute of learning, will respond to our pleas and perhaps join our merry band of court jesters for next year. We'd like to have 42,951 people helping us out. We've got some insane ideas for next season so it should be interesting.

Also, if you have any suggestions on how the paper could be improved for 1975-76, please tell us. Just drop a note into the RHETORIC mailbox. No obscenities, please.

Latest news  
on tuition  
increase

Good news:

Bills #2441 & #5144 were sent back to committee in the State House Wednesday, April 29. What this means to us as FCC as students is that the Legislatures are going to reconsider their proposals to raise tuition.

Bad news:

We are at the mercy of our Board of Trustees. Actually even if the Legislature doesn't act to increase our tuition the Board of Trustees has the right under the Wills-Harrington Act to increase tuition at their will, in whatever amount they decide upon and ANNUALLY if they so choose.

What to do:

Each of us must write to our Legislature requesting the amending of the Willis-Harrington Act. Specifically the areas concerning:

1. The ability of the Board to delineate programs Section 1D (This limits our ability to have new majors)
2. Section 1D which allots 75% of State scholarship funds for private colleges and 25% of scholarship funds for state colleges. (Most of your 25% going to larger state-run institutions like U Mass)
3. And the section of the act which constructs our Board of Trustees. The structure of the Board at present is severely tipped towards the private college segment.

A tuition increase threatens the quality of our education. But WE CAN DO SOMETHING, we can write to our Senators and our Representatives. We are voters, and we do have a voice!!

Anne Marie Brodeur

Parking ticket  
crackdown begins

An F.S.C. student received a strict sentence in criminal court on April 31. Sophomore Bill Dodger was sentenced to ten years on the Fitchburg-Leominster chain gang, for accumulating and neglecting to pay a large number of parking tickets. Judge I. Fynum showed no sympathy when Dodger threw himself to the mercy of the court.

Prosecuting Attorney, Paul "Writer's Cramp" Walsh presented an excellent case. He explained that Dodger had at least nine violations for flagrant misdemeanors ranging from "failing to park within allotted lines" to "parking 12 inches from the curb". Walsh also said that Dodger had had a chance to settle the matter out of court and had failed to capitalize. Two known alternatives given to Dodger were: selling his mother to a Turkish slave camp, and donating his right arm in the event that Walsh's ticket-writing arm need be transplanted. Neither choice appealed to Dodger.

Dodger's overall debt to the college was withheld, but it is believed to be in the vicinity of 5,000 rupies.

Judge Fynum completely supported Walsh because he felt an example had to be set. Walsh said that he hoped the rest of the students will learn from Dodger's mistake. "I have a personal score to keep with illegal parkers, and I mean business," he said.

# LUK

The Let Us Know Crisis Center, Inc. (LUK), since its inception in early 1970, has evolved from a part-time hotline telephone crisis center to a 24 hour crisis hotline service, coupled with a variety of walk-in services, including drug treatment, pregnancy testing, abortion counseling, and a variety of other innovative and creative growth and learning experiences, provided by LUK's staff.

Besides LUK's main facility, located at 99 Day Street in Fitchburg, the Crisis Center also offers counseling services at specified times each week in both Clinton and Gardner, with hotline phone numbers in Fitchburg, Gardner, Ayer, and Clinton, allowing most of the Montachusett area to use the LUK services, toll free.

For those interested in statistics, beginning in 1973, LUK cared for over 10,000 walk-in clients, with cases ranging from pregnancy related matters to drug information, legal problems and a wide variety of personal, social, and medical aid problems. In 1974, the story was much the same, with walk-in totals increasing to well over the 1700 case mark.

As far as the hotline statistics are concerned, Montachusett area residents used the LUK hotline service close to 5,500 times in 1973, a figure which increased to almost 8,000 calls when the 1974 figures were computed.

LUK's present staff includes the Executive Director, Ernest M. (Punky) Pletan, Jr. original founder of LUK (1970). He is a graduate of the University of North Dakota with B.A. degrees in both English and Political Science. Mr. Pletan has also received training as a drug educator from the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Along with Director Pletan, the counseling personnel are headed by Ms. Erika M. Boardman, who is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Music Therapy from the University of the Pacific. The Hotline Coordinator is Ms. Cathy Cross, who has been with LUK since September of 1972. Cathy has been a psychology major at Fitchburg State College, now working full-time with the LUK Crisis Center.

As LUK continues to serve the North Worcester County Area, the centers programs services continue to increase with a projected 1975-76 budget of over \$150,000.

For more information about LUK call the Crisis Center at 345-7353, 632-7374, 772-2203, or 365-6750, anytime.

LUK is a United Fund agency and is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health.

## Hines honored

Prof. Leo Hines of FSC English Department has been invited to present a paper before the Medieval Institute at the University of Western Michigan in Kalamazoo on Tuesday, May 6. The paper is titled, "Doctrine in the Middle English Trentall of St. Gregory." An abstract of the paper will be published in a volume entitled PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH ANN-

UAL MEDIEVAL INSTITUTE later this year.

This is the third consecutive year in which Prof. Hines has presented papers before the international gathering of Medieval scholars from many disciplines.

Hines was recently elected to the Medieval Academy of America. His articles have appeared in a number of literary journals, both in the U.S. and England.

## APO Book Sale

After a four week pledge period, ten new brothers were inducted into Alpha Phi Omega recently. The traditional ritual was held during the 10th annual reunion of the Fraternity.

The pledges worked hard to prove their desire to join the National Fraternity. Since hazing and belittling of pledges is strictly prohibited by A Phi O, the brothers challenged the pledges in a variety of interesting and productive ways. The most important idea was that of brotherhood and that was done by working together on various service projects. It is believed that when guys work together and share common experiences the spirit of fellowship can easily be developed.

Some of the projects that this semester's pledge class worked on include: helping the BIKE-A-THON by riding in it, assisting the organizing of it and by working at it on the day of the event;

book sale for the Alumni Association Library Fund; and publishing Bookmarks for the library and assisting the children at Hillside School in Marlboro.

Realizing that all work and no play can make anything dull, the brothers of A Phi O provided the pledges with a number of informal social activities to supplement the program.

The new Brothers include: Robert Biggs, Dave Roberts, Dave Besnia, Ken Beachman, Robert Earnest, Ron Colbert, Jim Bigwood, John Femino, Mike Barry, and Richard Servis.

After the ritual the new Brothers presented their Big Brothers with the traditional Fraternity paddle — each individually created and made.

In other business John Boisvert was installed as Chapter president, taking the gavel from John Nott, who will be graduating in June.

## Free Concert

On Sunday May 18th, at 5 p.m. there will be a concert of Choral Music at Christ Church, Main Street, opposite the library in Fitchburg. Singing will be the combined

choirs of St. Michael's, Litchfield, Conn. and Christ Church, Fitchburg.

There is no admission charge and everyone is invited.

# APO raises money for library

May 1st proved to be a very active day for students at Fitchburg, not only was there the successful Banana Split and rock music but the Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega sold books to raise money for the FSC Alumni Association Library Fund. Books and magazines had been donated so that the Fraternity could provide students with an inexpensive source of books — 25 cents and cheaper!

The booth which was located next to Thompson Hall attracted many visitors. The most popular sale item was that of old POST magazines. For 15 cents students were able to obtain a copy of the magazine published on the date of their birth. Also popular was the collection of fiction books.

The Fraternity also used the occasion to promote its traditional BOOK EXCHANGE project. This allows students to sell their unneeded text books to others who wish to purchase books inexpensively. Robert Biggs and Dave Roberts who are co-chairmen of the project advised the Rhetoric staff that more information will soon be available regarding this successful activity.

The money that had been raised at the Book Sale was presented to the Alumni Association at their annual Banquet held recently.

# Answers to unasked questions....

WHAT IS THE F.S.C.P.A.G.?

The Fitchburg State College Political Action group is a sub-committee of the Student Government Association (S.G.A.)

WHAT IS THE GROUPS PURPOSE?

The F.S.C.P.A.G. involves itself in political matters affecting the well-being of students within the state college system.

WHAT IS F.S.C.P.A.G. DOING FOR THE STUDENTS?

F.S.C.P.A.G. is fighting tuition increases which could double and even quadruple the cost of going to college.

F.S.C.P.A.G. is fighting budget cuts in higher education which would lower the quality of State Colleges.

F.S.C.P.A.G. is lobbying at the State House on behalf of the students.

F.S.C.P.A.G. is holding political meetings on the Fitchburg State College Campus with local representatives.

WHAT CAN I DO FOR F.S.C.P.A.G.?

F.S.C.P.A.G. is working for all of you. It will even meet during the summer months since legislative action concerning higher education can come "at any time".

However, S.F.C.P.A.G. cannot succeed without the strong support and confidence of the student body. We appreciate your support in signing the petition opposing budget cuts and tuition increases. But this is a continuing struggle. Please involve yourself, your parents and friends in this battle.

F.S.C.P.A.G. may call upon you to write letters and provide other forms of support in the months ahead. We will make every effort to keep you informed of all important political activities concerning higher education.

F.S.C.P.A.G. extends an invitation to all interested students to join our organization. Please contact the S.G.A. office for further information.

# Three CETA slots filled

Ernest M. Pletan, Jr., Executive Director of the Let Us Know Crisis Center, Inc. (LUK), has announced the appointments of three new LUK staff under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), a federally funded employment program.

The three positions include a drug counselor, filled by Mr. Greg Doyle of Shirley, Mass.; a maintenance manager, filled by Mr. Michael Hanks of Fitchburg; and a community relations position, duties of which were assumed by Mr. William Daring, Jr., of Gardner, Mass.

Doyle, 22, is currently participating in the phase-out program at the Spectrum House in Shirley, where he has spent nearly two years in rehabilitative training and therapy.

Hanks, 21, comes to LUK as an experienced carpenter, and is skilled in maintenance craft development.

Daring, 21, a graduate of Mount Wachusett Community College with an Associates degree in General Studies, concentrating in Journalism and Political Science, has many hours of newspaper experience and community service development.

LUK is a United Fund Agency, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, Division of Drug Rehabilitation.

# People Story

David Lamacchia

People have been dying every day since man's creation, but never has there been such an openness and candor to talk about death and dying until recently.

Dr. Charles Streff, a psychology professor at Fitchburg State College, undertook the teaching of a course on "The Psychology of Death and Dying" last semester. Interestingly enough, the course met with satisfying response from both teacher and students alike.

Dr. Streff admitted that he had never taught a course of this nature before. Therefore, he was somewhat nervous. His past experiences in workshops and seminars, working with his wife who is a psychiatric nurse clinician, helped him with the basics of the course.

Together they realized an urgent need for better knowledge on the subject of death and dying.

Dr. Streff also emphasized that one of the hardest areas of the course was that "it was impossible to stay on an intellectual level. We had to be honest with our feelings."

The professor stressed that he was helped along in the course by the amount of "student involvement and interest," and impressed by being able "to see people deal with their feelings on death and dying, rather than ignoring or denying them."

Consequently, Dr. Streff realized that the course was not only a success but also a "growth experience."

Talking about death is a hard thing, according to Dr. Streff. He says, "To talk about death means I am going to die and to verbalize it is no easy job." Continuing, he relates, "All of the students said it had been a very positive but painful experience. It helped them to deal with death better."

The highlight of the course was a field trip to a mortuary or funeral home. This trip helped both the students and teacher to focus on the very sad "reality of death".

Currently, the course is not being taught this semester, but it will be taught again by Dr. Streff in May in an intercession course and again in September in the regular semester.

Hopefully the course will again meet with student interest and popularity in these times of hard stress.

# Fenwick Society

Elections were held for new officers of Pi Sigma Upsilon, the Fenwick Society. The new officers are: President, Joseph W. Spadano; Vice-President, Randy Talancy; Treasurer, Michael Joubert; Recording Secretary, Roger Goodwin; Alumni Secretary, Paul Cuoco; Corresponding Secretary, Dennis Bell; Athletic Chairman, Bill Leaver; Social Chairman, Fred Vona. Congratulations and Good Luck next year!

Also Fraternity elections were held for Most Valuable Players in the following sports: MVP—Football, Peter Tracy, Stephen McGuiness; MVP—Basketball, Michael Joubert; Athlete of the Year, Peter Tracy; Brother of the Year, Stephen R. McGuiness. We will miss you, Peter Tracy, Stephen McGuiness, Joe Davolio and Jim DiBella!

# Career Placement

Dear Fitchburg State College Seniors:

You may have already found that it's not necessarily a snap getting a job now that you are on the verge of graduating. It's no secret that the job market is tight and appears to be getting little better.

The staff members of the Center for Career Planning and Placement would like to assist you in any way we can to increase your chances of obtaining the employment you desire. The Center will be open each weekday during the summer vacation from 9:30 to 5:00.

The keen competition for available jobs will probably force you to put more effort into finding and landing a job. There are ways to increase your chances of getting the job you want. Here are a few suggestions others have found helpful:

1. Apply for all certifications you are entitled to.
2. Keep your placement credentials current and complete.
3. Prepare a personal, professional resume for your file.
4. Keep all your communications with prospective employers very clear, complete and professional.
5. Expand your geographical search area if possible. (Some other states may "flip" at the opportunity to hire you.)
6. If you're an education major and just cannot find a job, you might consider non-teaching alternatives. (We have an "alternatives" notebook for each major.)
7. Write follow-up letters to your applications, be professionally persistent without being a pest.
8. Respond to jobs you know are open and investigate rumors of jobs.
9. Send a letter of inquiry to school systems in which you are interested in determining if they have any positions for which you might qualify. Write a letter of application when applying to a school system for a position you know is available. Request that your placement credentials be sent only to those schools who require it with their applications or who indicate an interest in you.

It may be that you haven't heard that much about the Placement Office on campus. Our two main objectives are: (1) to assist you in locating and landing a job and (2) assist employers in locating the kind of person they hope to hire. We attempt to achieve these objectives in a number of ways. Briefly, we:

1. Maintain your Placement Credentials (consisting of a resume, letters of recommendation, and other pertinent papers that you enter into the folder).
2. Photocopy and mail copies of these credentials to employers at your request.
3. Maintain and update a file of all available jobs of which we are notified. (These include: teaching and non-teaching, Massachusetts, out of state and overseas, and permanent, part-time and summer jobs.)
4. Maintain current information on graduate schools.
5. Maintain a Career Development Library in which you will find extensive, in-depth career information.
6. Provide printed and multi-media materials to help you write a better resume, improve your "being interviewed" skills and sharpen your job hunting abilities.

Best of Luck!

Ray Bryant  
Director of Placement

Strictly...

"Humor is Hostility": CPS  
interview with Art Buchwald

Monk:  
It's only a two-minute jog even loaded down with your tennis racquet and balls. . . I'd better see you OFFEN! Thank you for oh, so much! I love you, Billie Jean.  
Love, your first roomie

To Grace Pick, Chocoholic & Squirrel:  
We're really gonna miss you next semester. . . you've ALWAYS got an open invitation to visit. . . Keep that 'ole Squad spirit.  
Love, the Orange Street gang

To the MOHAWKS:  
You're a great bunch of guys. . . this campus needs more like you to keep it hopping. . . Keep the fire going over the long, hot summer cuz this place will need some warming up in the fall: . .  
Love, your two best cheerleaders

To our Iranian friend:  
We always said you'd get your name in the paper! We really enjoyed your class. . . Thanks for chasing the I.A. majors away (you know how they like to chat us up!).  
Love, The Guineas

P.S. See you in Persia this summer!

Easy Gren:  
Nine out of ten doctors prefer your bum to any other leading brand. . . we can't say as we disagree. Have a beautiful summer!  
Love, Tego & Beb

Mat-U and Lemon:  
Good luck with RIC. . . We'll miss you  
XOX

Mr. Keough:  
Thank you for your inspiration. See you next fall.  
Love, The Staff

to Dwaine:  
Over the summer beware of lapel pins, lost 10-speeds, birds, too many girl friends, ink blobs, hearts on your belly, shoes in your bed, rice on your floor, refugee haircuts, water on your pants, strawberry tarts, Mrs. Fallace, sexy negligees described over the phone, stalling cars, Cher, broken windows and US. We love you. . .  
Your guardian angels

Conductor:  
It's been a pleasure being your one and only train.  
Steam Woman

To C.W. and L.D.  
Remember B.B., B.C., O.B., R.B., C.P., and most of all F.S.C.G.  
D.W. and J.O.

Everything's under control.

To all graduate girls. They're all yours now. We've had our piece.

My eyes adored you. . . Though I never laid my hands on you (well only once anyways). . . My eyes adored you.

Goodbye and good luck to the rest of the Zero's. Hope to see all of you next year, those of you in apartments and those of you going to R.I.C.  
Luv n' Stuff, Me

Does this mean the trip to California in August is off?

To M.H., J.T., T.Y.

T.G.

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Thanks for making Friday night up on the mountain much more bearable.  
With love,  
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by Richard Rasnick

(Ed. note: Richard Rasnick is a reporter for the STUDENT LIFE at Washington University in St. Louis, MO.)

CPS: Do you find that you have always been a humorous person?

Buchwald: Yes — all the time.

CPS: As a child?

Buchwald: Yes, I was the class clown and I was always getting into trouble when I was in school. And in the Marine Corps I got into trouble for being funny. All my life I was doing it and it has only paid off in the last few years.

CPS: What did your parents think of you as a child?

Buchwald: Well, I had sort of a checkered career. I was a foster child. So my foster parents could not make heads or tails of me. And my father wasn't too sure about me either. At a very early age I went into my own fantasy world. Which is what you have to do if you are going to be a writer. You have to go into fantasy awfully early.

CPS: Would it be appropriate to characterize your writing as political—social humor? Or how would you characterize your own writing?

Buchwald: A political cartoon in words. Instead of using a sketch I use my typewriter. But occasionally I write something that isn't political just to prove that I can do it. When I started out for the first fourteen years in Europe I wasn't writing political stuff, just humor about Europe.

CPS: What type of journalistic devices do you use in your writing?

Buchwald: Usually I write dialogue because I like dialogue. If there is any formula involved it is to treat serious things lightly and light things seriously. I might treat the Fanny Foxx going into the Tidal Basin incident very seriously and I might treat aid to Vietnam lightly. It seems to work doing that.

CPS: What purpose and function do you find humor and satire serve?

Buchwald: They relieve the tension. It's quite a life to laugh at and people do it in different ways. Comedians do it on television; other people do it on the stage, and I try to do it in writing. The whole thing is to try and make people feel good.  
I don't have a real purpose in mind, because I wouldn't be doing it if I didn't get paid for it. It's the only way I can survive. It's all defense for me.

CPS: Writing?

Buchwald: Yes. Humor is hostility. Getting it out of your system. I'm in a perfect position because everybody in this country is so angry and sore at everything and I'm one of the few people who three times a week can get it off my chest.

CPS: But in a constructive way.

# ... Personal

Springtime, flowers, and happy days I wish upon everyone.  
To Meredith Heimo, Todd Goodwin, Joan Tournas and Mr. Rousseau:  
Thank you for everything.  
The F.S.C.C.C.

To L.M.  
My first Impression commanded me to believe that your note was only a farce, but after surveying it closely I realized that it was not funny. I am now compelled to believe that it is honest.  
I must agree with a great many of your contentions. The atmosphere at Fitchburg is often cold and cliquish and it sometimes does seem like a graveyard where no warm heart dares beat.  
But, I believe that by merely condemning this plight and by surrendering to the mindless masses and their savage rituals, one becomes worse than despicable. Although I do not pretend to march ever-triumphantly, I know that the only salvation is love. Through self-love one finds self-respect and individualism. Through love of fellow man one finds a place in any society.

S.W.

P.S. Tell your VERY CLOSE associate Paul R. that I adore her sense of humor and would gladly satisfy her longings if she ever so desires.

Congratulations to my favorite professor, on getting his tenure. Was there ever any doubt that you'd get it — not in my mind. After all, do you really think Mass. Bay could get along without you? Well, whether or not they could, let's not give them the chance to find out.

To Father Bob:  
When are confessions:  
The Good Sisters

Congratulations Father Bob!  
Love,  
The Editor

To Christine Suty, Julianne Morris and Linda Knox:  
Congratulations graduates and good luck. The ninth floor will miss you. May your memories of us and FSC be happy ones. Come back and see us sometime.  
Nine Floor High Rise

Dearest John Cornelio:  
There seems to have been some confusion. You took out the wrong hot pants and I'm still waiting. . . I've been waiting for four years. . . give me a break! Please really — The real hot pants.

Thank you, Duane T., for your patience.  
Lori & Maureen

Buchwald: Well yes, but if you're destructive it doesn't bother me.

CPS: Do you find that humor and satire, at least in your writing tends to expose and correct the foibles and prejudices of society?

Buchwald: I doubt it. I doubt it.

CPS: Do you think that your writing makes people aware of them?

Buchwald: I don't think that deeply about it. All that I know is that I have to get out three columns a week and I never sit down and say "This morning I am going to save the world." I just sit down and say I've got to do a column and I better get it finished before lunch otherwise I'll have a lousy lunch.

CPS: Do you think that this country now needs more humor than anytime since World War II or the Depression because of the great number of seriously unresolved problems?

Buchwald: Well, I wrote a column about that in which I said that there is a shortage of humor, and therefore we have to charge more for it. It used to be that a barrel of laughs was about four dollars, but now because of the shortage, Baker, Iron and Harpie have raised it to about \$14 a barrel.

CPS: So that in actuality humor does tend to aid the country?

Buchwald: I guess so. I haven't thought about it. But you are competing with Jerry Ford, the budget, and Congress when it comes to humor. It used to be you write the humor and they would write the straight stuff. Now they're writing humor and you're writing straight stuff.

CPS: What is the actual process of writing a column? Do you have steps that you go through in turning one out?

Buchwald: I read the papers and in the papers I see the story. And then it occurs to me I've got to do something on that story. And then I think very hard — maybe a day, maybe two days, maybe two minutes; how do I say that in a different way?

CPS: Your schedule and format for writing — as to a specific time of day and location — is eclectic and varies from day to day?

Buchwald: I try to get it done in the morning so I can relax for the rest of the day.

CPS: Do you go out and investigate all the subjects you are writing about?

Buchwald: No. No, I was up there on the Hill the other day, which was the first time I was up there in a long time. I just did a piece about ... do you know the Bermuda Triangle? You've heard about it?

CPS: Yes.

Buchwald: Well I did a piece about the Washington triangle between the White House and the Capital and the Jefferson Memorial. And all the bills and all the trial balloons and everything gets lost in the Tidal Basin, and are never heard from again.

# Tequila a popularity growing

To B.L.K.  
I'm sorry.  
T.G., the Ugly Duckling

Saying nothing is fine: having nothing is not having you. I'll miss you.

Can't I "pick you up" while you walk across campus, or at the Senior Banquet? Graduation? This Summer? Anytime?

You used to ask me "What?" Now can I ask you "What Happened?"

Shalom

Michael:  
Enjoy your cross-country trip. . . just make sure you come back.

House of Lord:  
Any last minute pranks before we leave?

Jo:  
A batch of brownies for the summer should do it.

Liquor industry figure indicate that consumption of tequila in the US is on a sharp upswing, up 650% since 197 to 2.3 million cases.  
"It's part of the whole trend of both adults and young people toward a lighter drink both in taste and proof," say G. William Seawright, an executive for Heublein, the nation's largest tequila importer.  
Another reason for tequila's popularity boom among young people, according to the NEW YORK TIMES, is a increase in advertising by distillers in college newspaper and periodicals specializing in rock music and counterculture news.  
Legally, the only liquor permitted to be called "Tequila" must be produced in the town of Tequila, near Guadalajara, but with consumption up, there is some suspicion that counterfeit tequila is being illegally made in Mexico and then exported to the US.

# Leg shots....



# and space shots

Photos by Don McIntosh



# Looking at Sounds

by Larry Robkoff

## PHYSICAL GRAFFITI

Led Zeppelin on Swan Song Records

If you're a hard rock fan his is one album you can't afford to miss. It contains a fine collection of musical and vocal work. Everything from the cover design to the stacks upon stacks of echo-chambered Robert Plant vocals is ruly Zeppelin.

Of special note is "In the Light," a good, nine-minute cut consisting of a truly innovative beginning with

some excellent synthesizer, leading into dynamic hard rock.

There is a definite pattern to the album which hits one right off the bat, gradually mellowing out into some good blues.

The album will keep your feet tapping and I'm sure you'll find yourself humming some of these tunes after you've heard them.

"Physical Graffiti" is an excellently recorded and engineered album, and well worth the money. I give it an 80.

Blue Jays (on Threshold records)

This group has that old familiar sound of the Moody Blues, and for a good reason. The two men that are the Blue Jays are Justin Hayward and Jodge Lodge. Sound familiar? They should be, they were two of the mainstays of the Moody Blues, who for many years produced that mellow kind of orchestrated music that we learned to associate with the Moody Blues.

Well this album is just as good as any done by the Moody Blues. Maybe better! The orchestration and production is flawless as is the vocal mixtures. In fact I like everything about the album. Even the album design is worthy of display.

Of special note are the songs: "Remember Me, My Friend," "Nights, Winters, Years," "Saved By the Music," and "Who are You Now?"

In fact, all the cuts are good.

This is definitely not one to miss. If you liked the Moody Blues you'll love the Blue Jays.

I give it an 80.

## Peanuts outpolls Doonesbury

3-1 in popularity poll

(CPS) — Charlie Brown may only be a blockhead, but he's a popular blockhead.

That's what the editors of the Rutgers TARGUM (NJ) paper found out when it suggested replacing the comic strip "Peanuts" by Charlie Schultz with the more sophisticated humor of "Doonesbury," written by Garry Trudeau.

The editorial office was vamped with 157 letters pressing confidence in the "Peanuts" strip and only 50

letters in support of the proposed change.

"We had no idea that the issue would generate as much controversy as it did," said new TARGUM editor David Astor in an editorial. The TARGUM staff voted 7-6 in favor of "Peanuts".

"Without Snoopy I am afraid I will have to announce my withdrawal from this college, for without him I will not be able to have an inspiration for picking up any of my books in the morning," wrote in one concerned student.

# F.S.C. after dark

Because the showing of the film "Freaks" was such a smashing success, the Cultural Arts Committee will show another controversial film titled — "The Gremlin: An Elf-Made Man".

The Instructional Media Department announces that Dr. Rupert C. Diazo, the famed media mogul will on May 9th be offering an exact two minute speech concerning the use of Instructional Media.

Registration for the Fall Semester has disappointed no one. As always students are sent scurrying all over campus searching for an advisor's signature or some trivial approval from some trivial dean on some trivial matter. There has got to be an easier way.

Simultaneous orgasms are just a stroke of luck.

Howie Purtz, a freshman Special Ed. major began sleeping in front of the Behavioral Science Building on Tuesday night April 29th in order to establish his position for Friday's registration. "I just had to get my Health & Fitness course," he explained.

Nora Gore, another freshman, had been living in front of that building since last August.

## Spanish class

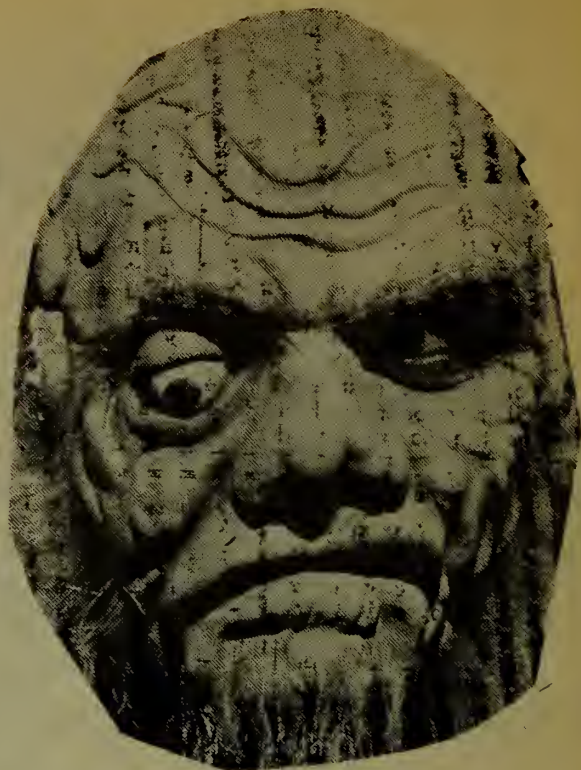
invites

speaker

A vital facet of our total learning experience is talking to Spanish-speaking people who enjoy sharing their experiences with us. A Leominster resident, Edward James Hunt, described his travels in Brazil along with his work with the Spanish community in the Head Start Program.

Fluent in Portuguese as well as Spanish, Mr. Hunt majored in history at Salem State, receiving his B.A. cum laude. He obtained his M.A. at Bridgewater, and attended S.M.U., UCLA, and Boston College.

Mr. Hunt is currently involved with the Head Start Program, recruiting Spanish youngsters. He added that the Program is seeking volunteers. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, call 537-9547.



Our Editor

Lori Bartelloni



"Of course it's doggerel! . . . What do you expect?"

# Drink at our CAF



# Poets Corner

## THE FURY OF HATING EYES

by Anne Sexton

would like to bury  
all the hating eyes  
under the sand somewhere off  
the North Atlantic and suffocate  
them with the awful sand  
and put all their colors to sleep  
in that soft smother.  
Take the brown eyes of my father,  
those gun shots, those mean muds.  
bury them.  
Take the blue eyes of my mother,  
looked as the sea,  
waiting to pull you down  
here there is no air, no God.  
bury them.  
Take the black eyes of my lover,  
evil eyes like a cruel hog,  
waiting to whip you and laugh.  
bury them.  
Take the hating eyes of martyrs,  
residents, bus collectors,  
ink managers, soldiers.  
bury them.  
Take my eyes, half blind  
and falling into the air  
bury them.  
Take your eyes.  
Come to the center,  
where a shark looks up at death  
and thinks of my death.  
They'd like to take my heart  
and squeeze it like a doughnut.  
They'd like to take my eyes  
and poke a hat pin through  
their pupils. Not just to bury  
it to stab. As for your eyes,  
hold up in front of them  
a baby ball and you send  
them to the State Asylum.  
Look! Look! Both those  
eyes are watching you  
from behind the kind of

## ZOOM by A. Zoomer

Well, folks, there I was -  
In front of 12,000 people  
and I got stopped for speeding  
You know the place -  
where the roads cross and merge  
at the center?  
Well, folks, I refused to stop.

There were 25,000 people yelling  
from all sides.  
But I kept going.  
I think they were encouraging me.  
You know,  
Reverse psychology?  
"You'll never get anywhere if you keep  
going like that, baby!"  
So I went faster.

And faster and faster.  
Until I collapsed in a heap.  
So there I was -  
In front of 40,000 people -  
The Winners Circle.

## POLITICAL LOVE LETTER

they jumped and held  
for dear life . . .  
to the tigers' tail.  
around and around. . . he went,  
as he tried to shake their death hold  
on him.  
in his mighty zeal,  
he turned, once too often,  
and dizziness let him fall.  
and they — true Asians,  
turned the tiger from their land.  
and as the tiger turned to leave,  
his eyes wandered, as if searching — for oil.  
they are bled  
. . . . and they are scarred,  
as they return to their farms  
not fearing the red,  
. . . . dead and blue  
in the tigers' eyes.  
knowing. . . its better sense,  
may yet love them as brothers.

# Truth and Consequences

By Nicholas J. Sifakis

## 1: The Demise of Democracy?

In 1788 the Constitution of the United States of America was ratified and an ideal became a reality. The sole purpose of our government and all its agencies and affiliations is; to insure the advent of a democratic nation, by the people, for the people, of the people; and to protect the constitution, not as an ideal but as a practical working document to follow in order to insure the primary objective of its writing. To protect and guarantee for every person, individual liberty.

Having created this democratic nation, it became necessary to protect it. In order to uphold the constitution, a complex military system was created, a forever enlarging system capable of dealing with new threats as each new day arose. So be our nation strong and protected from Foreign Powers.

The good old U.S.A. has come a long way. It took a bloody vengeful Civil War and Women's Suffrage, among the few disturbances, before the essence of the Constitution was grasped and abided by, (a majority).

Today with the advent of modern technology; computer science; space technology; and "the bomb" it has become increasingly hard to be sure of American and World democracy's safety and strength. The newspapers are full of reports of Communist advancement in Asia, speculation that all of Asia will fall to the Reds, the increasing strength of Russia and China and the serious threat they pose to America.

How much of a threat any Foreign Power be is questionable. Is it reality or propaganda like the "Red Scare" or the Cold War? For if there ever is an attack or a threat of attack on America from without, or within, by a foreign nation, the results would be nonetheless catastrophic. Because we are no less fanatical about our democracy than Russia be over Communism. Kennedy proved this point very well during the October Crisis. Neither man was willing to be the martyr of the world.

For that reason, in reality, there is no foreign threat upon America. The existence of the bomb is the biggest threat HOMO SAPIENS has ever known to sanity and survival and yet in that awesome danger lies the world's safety.

The real threat to American democracy lies, not in Russia or Asia or in nuclear holocaust\*, but in the American government and the men who govern behind closed doors. The threat is a basic one. It is that which has, for all the ages of mankind, suppressed and enslaved the people. The abusive government which is a means, for those in government to their own ends. Thus the government loses its purpose and becomes abusive of individual liberties instead of upholding them.

With the increasing ineptness and corruption of America's leaders, the credibility and integrity of the men running this, still, fair land has and is coming under fire and rightly so. With every release of information, regarding corrupt practices and invested interest of Presidents, and Vice-Presidents and Congresspersons; of unconstitutional activity of Governmental agencies, the C.I.A. and F.B.I., the pieces of the present course of history reveal themselves and reveal the true threat. The truth however slowly shall escape the suppression, it is suffering at the hands of powerful factions of self-interested groups and agencies.

The Johnson administration, despite its irresponsible handling of the Vietnam War, and war protests (how many were unnecessarily killed and injured at the hands of guardsmen), was but a glimmer of things to come in the light of the Nixon administration. Let's not forget Agnew.

The Watergate affair and its subsequent cover-up wasn't just some political fiasco for the democrat party to win votes on. It was illegal, unconstitutional activity of which not only the President was involved but governmental agencies as well. Nixon's decisions may have been in the best interest of the government and the governors, but they certainly weren't in the best interest of the purposes of the government.

In the wake of Watergate arises the question of credibility. How many more illegal, unconstitutional atrocities had Uncle Sam and its agencies committed and what are they up to now?

To paraphrase a conversation between E. Howard Hunt (convicted Watergate conspirator) and Nixon, on one of the Watergate tapes: We have been involved in some very, very serious, "illegal conspiracies in the past."

How many cover-ups have there been? How many truths have been denied us and just courses of action been suppressed for the sake of a few personal interest and gain at the expense of American?

\*Nuclear Holocaust is not radical fanatical bombing, Nuclear Blackmail, or accident. All of which would be relatively uncomparable to the latter and therefore have a greater probability of occurrence.

## 2: Who killed J.F.K.

On October 22, 1963, President John Kennedy was assassinated. As if that weren't enough, we Americans have been forced to accept an unsolved murder mystery. But not due to the lack of evidence. There have always been serious critics of the Warren Report and now, more than ever, there are beyond a reasonable doubt, reasons to refute the Warren Report with evidence so profound and disturbing that it is hard to accept that something like this could happen in America. It did and the truth has been withheld.

The Warren Commission was set up to investigate the assassination of J.F.K. in the name of justice. It consisted of various men who were all members of Congress or the Justice Department.

The Warren Report's conclusions were:

1. Lee Harvey Oswald acting alone, fired three shots from the sixth story window of the Texas School Book Depository

building with an Italian-made Mannlicher-Carcano 6.5 mm bolt action rifle (found in the sixth floor room).

2. The first bullet hit J.F.K. in the back, exited via the neck, entered John Connolly via his back, shattered his left ribs, exited, shattered his right wrist and lodged in his left thigh.

3. One bullet missed and caused a wound in a bystander.

4. The third bullet killed the President by entering the rear of his head and blowing out his forehead.

5. Jack Ruby, acting alone, killed Oswald.

Yet all evidence refutes these findings!

The Commission ignored major testimony and didn't call upon others. John Connolly swears to this day, and told the Commission that he was hit by a different bullet than Kennedy and it didn't come from the back. The Commission didn't publish his testimony in the report. They questioned his wife for only 15 minutes and Mrs. Kennedy's testimony also was never made a part of the final report. The Commission also never called for any eye witnesses.

The Zapruder film is a graphic\*\* example of how irresponsible the Warren Commission ran their investigation. The film provides absolute, incontestible proof of cross fire and conspiracy.

That single bullet which the Commission said hit Kennedy and Connolly is known as the super bullet. It inflicted seven wounds and broke numerous bones, yet it was found in nearly perfect condition on a stretcher in Parkland Hospital. The Commission took this bullet as evidence and designated it commission exhibit #399.

The account of C.E. #399's impossible adventure has since become known as "the single bullet theory." It was postulated not because it was supported by evidence, but because without a super-bullet it was impossible to blame the shooting of the President on a lone psychotic assassin.

F.B.I. tests proved conclusively that, from the time President Kennedy was first visible from Oswald's supposed "sniper's nest" (frame #207) until Governor Connolly was shot (frame #234), that a bolt action rifle could have fired only one bullet. For that rifle a minimal 2.3 seconds is required for one shot, this is without taking time to aim. Since two shots could not have been fired by that weapon in that time span, (movie was taken at 18.3 frames/second), and since the Commission did not admit the existence of another gunman or bullets, it was forced to conclude that J.F.K. and Connolly were hit by the same bullet.

The Zapruder film shows that by frame #244, when Kennedy first appears from behind the sign, he has already been hit. Connolly is unharmed until frame #234 at least half second later (and probably longer since Kennedy was well into his reaction). But when Connolly was wounded, a rib was shattered upon impact and his reaction is recorded on film. The time for a bullet to pass from Kennedy to Connolly would have been at most two frames. There is no question that Connolly was hit by a different bullet than the one that the commission says hit J.F.K.

The third bullet hit President Kennedy in the back of the head, according to the Commission, and in violation of basic laws of physics, thrust him violently backwards and sprayed the trunk of the Presidential car and a motorcycle agent, who was also to the rear of the car, with skull and brain fragments. Frame #314 shows Kennedy being thrown violently backwards with such a force it actually lifted him out of his seat as that bullet tore his right forehead off!! This shot was undeniably fired from a high-powered rifle using an exploding or dum-dum bullet, and from the front of the Presidential car where there was a retaining wall and bushes on a knoll.

\*\*The Zapruder films most have seen are ten generations or older; a copy of a copy of a copy, etc. Such reproductions are of very poor quality, gorey, and unclear.

It was that grassy knoll which eye witnesses swear they heard shots from. People and policemen who heard the shots ran towards the grassy knoll. They knew where the shots came from. An ex-Marine on the knoll swears (and they know their shit), he could smell the gunpowder and said, "The shots came from behind me." which was where the wall and bushes are.

The driver of the Presidential limousine, William Greer, testified that he speeded up prior to the head shot and that he had been facing forward the entire time. Yet at the moment of the fatal head shot, Greer ON FILM appears to be looking directly at J.F.K.'s head! Only after the President was dead did Greer begin to accelerate. Even if it was only slow reaction time, why the inaccuracy under oath?

Even more puzzling is why was there no reaction at all from the President's secret service men? These men are trained to react to any threatening stimulus. A still photograph taken from the left side of the street shows the entire Presidential and Vice-Presidential motorcars and their respective secret service cars, at the time Kennedy is reacting to the first bullet. This picture shows Vice-President Johnson not in his seat! He has reacted to that first shot and hit the floor. His secret service men are also reacting. Their car door is open, and they are scrambling to do their job of protecting the Vice-President. Why the "total absence" of reaction from Kennedy's men until he was certainly dead, which the Zapruder film shows to be around frame #365.

According to secret service regulations the two motorcycles to the rear were supposed to be flanking the presidential car, to supply protection in the advent of cross fire. They were not! According to secret service regulations, parade routes are supposed to be simple and direct. That the motorcade is not to go slower than 25 m.p.h. For these reasons the parade route should not have taken that first right hand turn which lead to the left hand turn in order to get back onto the main street. To negotiate the left hand turn the car slowed down to approximately 5 m.p.h. and shortly thereafter the President was dead. It is also not known who altered the parade route.

Frightening evidence of conspiracy is that 17 or 18 key eye witnesses who saw what really happened - gunner on the knoll, puffs of smoke coming out of the bushes as they heard the shots, have all died mysteriously by 1966. The odds that these people, all the same place, that day, would die in three years was nothing less than surprising 1,000,000,000 to one against the fact that they are dead. A couple died of apparent suicide, one in an auto

accident and the rest by natural causes, with the ages of 20's and 30's, blow to the head and other characteristics of beatings. This is all published in the book THE WITNESSES. These were citizens like you and I who saw the truth and were exterminated when they wanted to speak out.

The evidence is clear. Lee Harvey Oswald, if he acted at all, did not act alone. It is also too clear that the Warren Commission was conducted in an irresponsible, much like and reminiscent of cover-up a-la-Watergate.

A Warren Commission member has called to reopen the case, he is Burt W. Griffin now a judge on the state trial bench in Cleveland, Ohio.

"The case ought to be reopened," he says and, "It's all tied in with everything that's been happening in our government for the last 10 years." This is the first time a Commission member has "dared" suggest the Commission didn't get all the answers. Most of the Warren Commission members defend their work like religious fanatics quoting the bible, what I have written, I have written. John J. McClay (a lawyer) says, "I never saw a case more completely proven." Leon Hubert, Jr. says, "We tried but none of us found it was anybody but Oswald." When they are confronted with questions, they quote the Warren Report as if it were the Bible!

Judge Griffin's reasons are many. Says Griffin, "I don't think some agencies were candid with us. I never thought the Dallas Police were telling us the truth. Neither was the F.B.I." "We accepted the answers we got," says Griffin, "even though they were few and inadequate, and didn't carry the battle any further. To do so, we'd have had to challenge the integrity of the F.B.I. and C.I.A. back in 1964. That was something we didn't do."

Dramatic documentation proves that the Warren Commission's investigation was never a free and independent inquiry we'd been told.

The F.B.I. concluded too soon, there was no conspiracy and then in an effort to justify its earlier conclusions, did a grudging reinvestigation, whose only purpose was to prove its own premature (preordained), conclusions.

The most important piece of documentation: A longtime top secret transcript of an executive session of the Warren Commission January 27, 1964 which was only declassified last year. That transcript suggests the intelligence agencies possess significant information they withheld from the Commission. There is evidence that the U.S. Intelligence agencies were aware of Oswald long before November 22, 1963.

J. Edgar Hoover himself knew of him. Just this year a 1960 memo from Hoover to the State Department surfaced proving Hoover had prior knowledge of Oswald. Yet when asked by Earl Warren, Hoover denied any knowledge of Oswald and flatly rejected any connection of him with the F.B.I. But the Commission still felt it had strong reasons to believe Oswald was an F.B.I. agent. John McClay at that time didn't give the F.B.I.'s denial much weight. Senator Russel pointed out that the Commission may be dealing with a powerful, notoriously lying breed. Then Allen Dulles, (a former C.I.A. director), gave the Commission a lesson on intelligence agencies. If Oswald was an agent, the F.B.I. would deny it. Justice Warren asks, "Even under oath?" Dulles replies, "Yes." Strangely enough Dulles was the quickest to accept the F.B.I.'s statements.

The problem was obvious. Where was the Commission to go for the truth? The F.B.I. had no problem, they had decided that it was Oswald and no one else was involved, "they had decided."

Did the Commission go beyond that? Hardly. The Commission didn't even give its staff a mandate to go beyond the F.B.I. on the Oswald question. For a moment it seemed they might; Senator Russel sums up the Commission's dilemma: "It seems to me we have two alternatives. One is we can just accept the F.B.I.'s report and go on and write the report based on their findings and supported by their raw material they have given us, or else, we can go and try to run down some of these collateral rumors that have just been dealt with directly in this raw material that we have been given." The members seemed inclined to go beyond the F.B.I., but they didn't want to be in the position of attacking the F.B.I.

With this, the Commission does a quick about face. "Forgetting their only client, truth" the Commission agrees that none of them wants to attack the F.B.I. This basically ended the Commission's "investigation." Rankin, the Commission's director, thought this was pretty controversial material. He confiscated the stenographer's notes of the January 22nd meeting and they remain sealed to this day. Rankin specifically requested no stenotypist at all for the January 24th meeting and filed an affidavit saying he had instructions from the Warren Commission to keep the January 27th meeting under Top Secret Classification. Weisberg, a critic of the Warren Commission sued and won, to see the January 27th transcript. Weisberg says, "There's nothing in any Commission records to support Rankin. If the Warren Commission was out to find the truth, why this secrecy?"

Fact: The Warren Report is rife with fallacy and characteristics of cover-up.

Fact: The intelligence agencies, F.B.I. and C.I.A. willfully withheld information, violated the Constitution, and not for the sake of national security, but for the agencies' own sake and specifically the men in power.

Fact: The suppression of the truth to such an extreme degree, of such an important event, could only have been done by a very powerful agency. The very fact of involvement in the cover-up implicates involvement in the conspiracy.

All these facts lead to but one conclusion: that J.F.K.'s assassination was a conspiracy and if the intelligence agencies didn't pull the trigger, they backed those that did in the conspiracy and its subsequent cover-up. No foreign power or the mafia could have done it without American intelligence cooperation because American intelligence is "too strong." It may have just been a small fraction of men in the agencies and not the agencies themselves. But their power is great for only a strong influential body could have gotten away with a coup d'etat in America.

# Fifth Annual Craft Center Fair

Over 100 craftsmen from the Northeast will exhibit and sell their creations, ranging from stained glass antique autos to ceramic water fountains, at the fifth annual Craft Fair May 17 & 18.

The Craft Fair — a growing Worcester tradition that attracts thousands of adults and children during its two days is held each year at the Craft Center, 25 Sagamore Road, Worcester, Mass.

The craftsmen invited to participate in this year's event will exhibit and sell weaving, stained glass, patchwork, jewelry, leather, pottery, wood, enamels, plus a few unexpected traditions. Many craftsmen will return for the fifth successful year. With Craft Center encouragement, one third of the craftsmen entered are from the Worcester area.

The Craft Center, a teaching institution the rest of the year, for these two days becomes a colorful marketplace offering flowers, balloons, food, crafts, demonstrations, door prizes and general festivity.

Special areas have been set aside for demonstrations. At the pottery kiln, Nancy Freeman of Kingston, N.Y. will be the first woman to demonstrate glassblowing at the Craft Center. Eugene Donnel of Stoughton, Mass. will set up his anvil and forge and demonstrate blacksmithing techniques. Mini-demonstrations will take place continuously at many of the individual booths.

For children this year, the Worcester Children's Theater will present "The Five W's". This play is a series of improvisations who, what, where, when and why by Marjorie Sigley.

Alternating with the Theater group will be a visiting magician, Gregory Bates Smith, who will come to the fair from Weymouth, Mass. to perform his magic acts.

The enlarged food facilities include an outdoor garden-spotting area where traditional and health foods can be leisurely enjoyed amidst the flurry of the fair. Foot weary visitors will find other lounges inside.

The fair hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine on May 17 & 18. A donation of \$1 for adult and 50 cents for children benefits the Craft Center with its classes and exhibits.

# New laws affect motorcycle

"Motorcycle operators are advised that beginning in June there will be two new laws governing their operation on the highways of the Commonwealth," Deputy Registrar Francis McCone said recently.

1. Effective on June 11, 1975, operators of motorcycles which are not equipped with windshields or screens are required to wear eyeglasses, goggles or protective face shields.
2. Effective on June 23, 1975, operators of motorcycles shall ride no more than two abreast and shall ride single file when passing.

These laws have been enacted for the safety and protection of motorcycle operators and must be obeyed.

# N.S.A. Reflections

As the school year draws to a close, the Nursing Students Association has many milestones and achievements to reflect upon. The year has shown that the Association's constitution is vague regarding the duties and responsibilities of its officers. It is hoped that next year's Executive Board will properly revise the draft.

Major difficulties facing the N.S.A. this year stem from a lack of communication, organization, and delegation of duties. It has been suggested that the Board may have taken on too much in the way of duties, rather delegate them to the general student group. Communication plays an important role also; without it, students aren't likely to be as interested or involved. Hopefully, these two major difficulties have been fully realized and will be acted upon in the next academic year.

Projects and achievements were on the upswing for the N.S.A. this year. The first project was that of a "Buddy System", in which volunteering juniors and seniors were assigned to aid freshmen nursing students who were seeking advice, guidance, etc. Since the Nursing Department did not provide freshmen with college addresses, things were a bit hectic.

Other services provided by the N.S.A. included checking the liability coverage of students, in the event of a possible malpractice suit in the clinical experience settings. Also sponsored were programs with Armed Services personnel, concerning possible nursing careers. A "Lady Beware" presentation by a local police representative dealt with the problem of rape.

The N.S.A. provided the liaison regarding a request by students for the "Death and Dying" seminar. As a result, two sections have been offered this semester. In this way, open lines of communication between the faculty and the N.S.A. benefit the student body.

Events sponsored included two socials, a raffle, and a car wash.

A screening for lead paint poisoning victims was held, and will continue next semester. Also, the N.S.A. had hoped to see real disaster nursing in action with inflatable hospitals erected by Army personnel at Fort Devens. However, difficulties at the Fort interrupted the actual occurrence of this event.

One of the community projects included the collection of defective toys to fix up for the underprivileged children in the area. This Christmas Wrap-In was a very rewarding project.

One major involvement of the N.S.A. is its participation in the Massachusetts Senate of Student Nurses. Treasurer Denise Croteau and Vice President Mary Daily attended the annual M.S.S.N. convention on behalf of the students. It is evident that there are real opportunities for F.S.C. involvement in the political processes involving nursing as well as health in general.

Our Senior Nursing Class Luncheon was held Wednesday, April 30 at the Holiday Inn. Our Class will and Prophecy were read, and the faculty presented our class pins. It was a great opportunity for faculty and senior nurses to socialize, reminisce, and look to bright futures as nurses.

On this note, the N.S.A. would like to recognize its officers and representatives, and especially its President, Steve Palermo. He deserves warm recognition for his time, energy, and interest.

# Truth and Consequences (con't)

At that time the only existing powers in America not under dread by Congress, the President, the Courts or the Public, was the C.I.A. and F.B.I. and they still operate covertly with undreaded power. Congress is trying to change that presently.

What could have been the motives for assassination of the President by the intelligence agencies, or powerful individuals within them? They are numerous. Although Kennedy took the blame for the Bay of Pigs fiasco, he didn't start it or assist it any further. The machinery for invasion of Cuba was already in gear when Kennedy took office after Eisenhower and Nixon. Kennedy refused to supply any further aid to the Bay of Pigs invasion. The C.I.A. covertly were operating on U.S. soil in the Florida Keys, preparing for their own venture into Cuba without any Congressional, Presidential, or Public approval. The fact that they possess power dangerous to our democracy is undeniable. E. Howard Hunt, one of the worst of the Watergate conspirators, was in charge of that C.I.A. operation in Miami. Kennedy, unwilling to support it, had to send in Miami Police and F.B.I. agents to break up Hunt's operation by force! Robert Kennedy's advisor (under J.F.K. he was Attorney General) told him that the C.I.A. was planning to assassinate Castro and hire Mafia gunmen. In 1963, the C.I.A. flatly refuted such allegations. Yet, now, in 1975 it has confessed, under pressure from Congress, it had such intentions.

President Kennedy, aware of the dangerous power the C.I.A. was amassing and the threat it posed to the freedom of Americans, had made it known he had intentions of abolishing the C.I.A. He didn't live to make this public.

Recently much dirt has been found under the rug. Revelations of clandestine F.B.I. power operations, denial of person's rights, innocent people. The invasion of privacy of every American. For the sake of their massive computer's diet of information. Yet there are but a few who know about it. Ex C.I.A. Director Calley, in his report to President Ford on the C.I.A., was very revealing. Both agencies were embarked in the early 60's on a massive domestic spy effort. It was a big, expensive program that added to the size and power of the F.B.I. and C.I.A. empires. The C.I.A. Charter specifically states it is not to engage in domestic covert operations of any kind. Yet, left unchecked, it has done just that. President Kennedy was obviously an obstacle, but with tyrannical power no obstacle could be too great to handle.

If the purpose of our democracy is to insure individual liberties, it has gotten away from that. For the agencies under fire are not protecting the democracy, but fighting it. A democracy cannot remain a democracy if it implements in its system, the methods and activities used by totalitarian governments. We are told that communism is a threat, yet if we fight them by instilling their methods (suppressive secret agencies) and thus their ends (suppression) we fight them not. Inadvertently we become what they are. This is what American intelligence agencies are doing. This is the true threat to America and to Freedom.

What does all this mean for the present and the future? One thing is certain, new leadership is needed in America and now. Since 1963 we have had a history of bad politics and bad leaders. Ford is no exception. Gerald Ford's prominence is due to Nixon's folly. One must ask, why did Nixon choose Ford, to replace Agnew (beware of Greeks taking gifts!). Nixon is undeniably a bad association, but no man is guilty by association. So Ford is innocent on that count. But he is not innocent on another. Gerald Ford was a member of the Warren Commission! Can all of these things be coincidence? NO! It is at least certain that Ford knows who knows what really happened in Dallas and he may know himself. Ford could very easily be part of everything that has been wrong with America since J.F.K.'s assassination.

Ford, in a recent televised address to Congress said of the C.I.A., "I need the C.I.A. Presidents before me needed the C.I.A. (except Kennedy) and Presidents after me will need the C.I.A."

Nelson Rockefeller is a conflict of interest. A man involved in International Cooperate Empire such as the Rockefeller Empire could never be a man for the people or a democracy. He is caught in the invested interest scheme greater than any other political figure.

Fortunately we still live at least under the auspices of a democracy.

America is still a haven for the free, unsuppressed like 1/3 of the world's population is, I am able to write desentation and dissatisfaction. But how long can the odment of freedom last when the men in our government are involved in unconstitutional activity, the suppression of truth, invasion of privacy, policies decided by invested interest and even assassination and massive abuse of power to procure personal wealth and corporate empires. How long can a democracy survive when the government who's sole purpose is to protest individual liberties practices the suppression of them.

In today's hard times due to economic strife, inflation, etc., all of which is due to major corporations controlling the government in economic matters for the corporations benefit, the American people tend to be uninvolved and unaware of the government and what it is doing, because we all have our own world with our own problems. In times like these, how easy it will be for those men in power, who feel men must govern men, to take ever more advantages of their power and govern as they will. To gain at the people's further expense.

Democracy necessitates the people's involvement and not just in elections. Elections are superfluous if you know not of who's running. Involvement and concern by more people is necessary in order to insure a creditable and purposeful government. We have the means in the strength of the public and the just men in government. The choice is your own, to care or not to care. That's what a democracy is all about.

To be free is to know only truth.

# Time-Trek

THE TIME-TREK GROUP of Chburg State College presents:

## COSMIC INDICTMENT

Beginning at the George Wallace Auditorium on Friday, May 17 at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 18 at 8 p.m., Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. With I.D.: 75 cents.

Come see how a group of college students have integrated contemporary moody rock music with visual schelics, over 200 slides,

movies, extraordinary sound effects, Searstown development, and the poor old Nashua River into an unusual multimedia presentation. This production has been the result of several months of work and experimentation by a very talented group here on campus.

The production is an experiment and YOU, the (so-called) audience will play an important role in the most unusual court case that has yet occurred.

Curious?! Confused?! Well, come see, and enjoy!

# FSC/MARC Ride-a-bike report

On April 27, some 25 representatives of the College got together and rode their bikes for the benefit of the Massachusetts Association for Retarded Citizens. The elements of cold and wind combined to discourage our effort, but the hardy sons and daughters of FSC who participated gave their all regardless. At the time, we can identify the winners of the FSC prizes for distance. These prizes were made available through the donations of Gamache's Cyclery and Hyland-Rice Office Supply. The winners:

1st Miles: David W. Roberts — 80 miles  
2nd Miles: Janice Barnes — 50 miles.  
3rd Miles: Norman Fredette — 25 miles; Karl Quist — 25 miles.

If the winners will come to T-216 they may pick up their prize.

# Hamming it up

Polling 13 more votes than the rest of the candidates combined, a hamster named "Striper" has been elected to student senate at the University of Texas/El Paso.

Running on the slogan, "the only candidate honest enough to admit he's a hamster" and "Take the human element out of politics," Striper was elected as senator.

from the university's graduate school.

Striper is owned by a former student association president, who endorsed Striper and a slate of human candidates in the recent student elections.

The hamster will not officially take office until June 1, but some spoilsports have already indicated that Striper will be disqualified because he is not a registered student.

# We are spraying our lives away

Yes, believe it or not, all life on this earth could be gone by the year 2000. This is a strong statement believed by many scientists.

These deadly killers are things that most of us put on our underarms or on our hair everyday. The gases from these cans, fluorocarbons, don't affect the air we breathe right now, but many years from now these gases (gathering high in the air) will have started attacking the ozone layer in the atmosphere. "Ozone" is a layer of gas in the upper atmosphere that protects us from the deadly ultra-violet rays. Without an ozone layer life on earth cannot survive. By the year 2000, one-third of this will be destroyed.

Most people will read this and do nothing about it. Think. We are actually killing ourselves. Hearings are being held and commissions are being formed, but no action has been taken yet, and none is likely to be done in the future. This is very serious; "We are talking about the end of the world — doomsday in 25 years."

For further information read the article, NOT WITH A BANG, BUT WITH A PSSSSST, by Michael Drosnin, found in the New Times March 7, 1975.

By Buzz Nichols

-SPORTS-

All-American  
Candidate

by Paul Hallion

In a year of mediocrity for F.S.C. sports, Scot Haverty has produced an excellence in his field. His record 223 feet throw of the javelin has qualified him for the National Track and Field Competition on May 28 in Beria, Ohio. The previous Massachusetts State College record for a javelin throw was 212 feet, which Scot shattered with plenty to spare.

Scot is a graduate of St. Bernard's class of 1972. He set the Class E record in that school for the same event. He lives in Fitchburg and is planning to enter the local AAU competition this summer. He is now in his junior year at F.S.C. and is an excellent candidate to take over the position of captain for the track team next year.

Although Scot has proven himself to be a dedicated person when it comes to individual effort, he credits Coach Sheehan with motivating him and "helping to bring out my best." The javelin itself weighs 800 grams and is about 8 feet 8 inches in length. Scot was quick to mention that the entire team is responsible for their 5-0 record in dual meets and 7-1 overall record.

The F.S.C. track team will finish its season this week but Scot still has the Nationals to look forward to. If he should finish in the top 6 in javelin throwing he will reach "All-American" status, truly an honor to himself and the school. Regardless of the outcome in his future efforts, Scot has already achieved more than can be expected.

Congratulations to you Scot and good luck in the National competition.



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With Bob Shaw

The top four teams of each division then advanced to the play-offs. It was set up so that the first place team would meet the third place team and the second place team would meet the fourth place team in each division. This meant that in Division I the Pranksters met Bad Company and the Congressmen played against Old Milwaukee.

In the game between Bad Company and the Pranksters, the Pranksters took it to Bad Company right from the opening whistle to take a commanding 30-20 halftime lead, mostly behind the hot shooting of Jerry Welch. The second half continued at much the same way as Welch continued his hot shooting and also got some support from Fran Collins. With the Pranksters finally winning by a score of 64-45, Welch finished the game with 31 points while Mark Sasseville led Bad Company with 16.

In the second game Old Milwaukee upset the Congressmen by a score of 63-54. Old Milwaukee led after the first half by a score of 36-30 as Wayne Walker had 16 points and Mike Donnelly had 12 to lead them. The second half was nip and tuck all the way as the Congressmen would battle back to within range only to then see Old Milwaukee pull back out in front. Time finally ran out on the Congressmen and the finals were set between the Pranksters and Old Milwaukee.

In the finals the Pranksters proved to be just too much for Old Milwaukee. It seemed that everybody on the Pranksters just knew that they couldn't miss. Everybody on the team scored in the first half as the Pranksters outscored Old Milwaukee 42-28. This large lead proved to be just too much as in the second the Pranksters just traded baskets with Old Milwaukee to win the game 78-64 and the championship of Division I.

In Division II the Muffs met Duck Soup and the Pranksters met Hotel Herlihy in the opening round.

In one of the best games of the play-offs Duck Soup met the Muffs by a score of 55-51. This was a close game from start to finish with both teams playing good solid defense and passing the ball around for good shots. At the end of the first half Duck Soup was leading by a score of 25-22. In the second half the Muffs kept battling back into the game only to have Duck Soup come right back. The catalyst of this game was Chris Murphy with his penetrating drives and set shots which he sunk whenever the Muffs would start to get back into the games. High scorers were Peter Godfrey with 16 points for Duck Soup, and Jim Baribeault with 20 for the Muffs.

In the other opening round game between the Pranksters and Hotel Herlihy it was never really a contest. Hotel Herlihy just ran them off the court from the opening whistle. By the end of the first half Hotel Herlihy had opened up a 34 to 18 lead. Hotel Herlihy had very balanced scoring throughout the game. The second half was just fun for Hotel Herlihy and agony for the Prankster as everybody played and had a good time. The final score was 69-50 in favor of Hotel Herlihy. This set up the championship of Division II between Duck Soup and Hotel Herlihy.

The final game was the most exciting game of the play-offs. It was very close all the way as both teams were very selective in the type of shots they took. Duck Soup led by 2 at halftime with the score at 23-21. Things opened up a bit in the second half and a lot of points were scored. Duck Soup was up by five points with 33 seconds to play when all of a sudden everything went wrong. Hotel Herlihy pressed them all over the court and forced them into many mistakes. With two seconds left and the score tied, Dave Mara stole the ball at half court, turned around and fired the ball at the basket. As the buzzer sounded the ball dropped through the net giving the championship of Division II to Hotel Herlihy.

I would like to congratulate both Hotel Herlihy and the Pranksters for being champions of their respective divisions. I would also like to congratulate all other teams who made the play-offs for their efforts and sportsmanlike play throughout the play-offs.

Track Highlights

The Falcon Track Team finished up their most successful season in recent years by capping a 4th place finish in the Mass. State College Conference meet held at Westfield State's new track facility on May 4th.

Freshman Steve Burke was conference champ in the hammer throw with F.S.C.'s John White taking the runner-up position. Scot Haverty once again reigned supreme and the Falcon mile relay quartet of Corrao, MacIntosh, Kaitstuck and Krupski grabbed off second place in the event. Brian McGee took second in the 880 while Steve Krupski grabbed fourth in the 440 and third in the intermediate hurdles.

In two past invitational meets, each hosting approximately 8 teams, the Falcon tracksters finished third in one while tying for third in the other. Other outstanding performances in these meets along with those listed above were turned in by Jim Corrao in both the long and triple jumps; Ken Paul, mile run; Jeff Kaitstuck, 100 and 220; Glen Govey and Art Sticklor in the pole vault; Paul Leone in the hurdles.

NEW F.S.C. RECORDS SET THIS SPRING

100 yard dash — Jeff Kaitstuck	10.1 ties old record
Hammer Throw — John White	125'11"
880 — Brian McGee	1:58.5
Javelin — Scot Haverty	223'11"
Mile Relay — Corrao, MacIntosh, Kaitstuck, Krupski	3:27.4
401.H. — Steve Krupski	56.8

Exceptional performances in these invitational meets coupled with the fact that the Falcons went undefeated in their dual meets establishes them as a strong team which is to be reckoned with in the future.

Team members selected Jim Corrao, Scot Haverty and Jeff Kaitstuck as captains for next year's team as present captains Ken Paul, Steve Krupski and Art Sticklor will graduate this spring.

A strong and highly competitive team anxiously awaits the future.

INVITATIONAL TRACK MEET

Several of FSC's Track Team members did exceptionally well at an invitational track meet held at Westfield's new rubberized track with Astro-Turf soccer field in the center. Freshman Brian McGee broke the 880 yard run school record with a time of 1:59.4 seconds. Steve McCaffery won the shot put and also placed in the discus throw. Steve Krupski won both the 440 and 440 hurdles. John White won the hammer throw and placed in the shot and discus. Scot Haverty easily won the javelin with a throw of 209 feet, as a matter of fact, his lowest throw of the day was 202 feet. Haverty also won the discus throw which allowed FSC to sweep the event. The mile relay team of Jim Corrao — Jeff Kaitstuck — Don MacIntosh — Steve Krupski won that event and also set a new school record of 3:31.1 a record that will most likely be broken 3 more times this year.

Other team members scoring in the meet were Steve Burke, hurdles, javelin, shot and discus; Paul Leone, 120 & 440 hurdles; Jim Silverio, 440 hurdles; George Creely, hammer; Glen Govey, pole vault; Art Sticklor, high jump; Ken Paul 1 & 3 mile runs; Jim Corrao long jump, triple jump, relays, 220; and Don MacIntosh, 440 and relays.

The future looks bright for FSC Track as this is a very young team and they scored points in each of the 18 events, something that none of the other teams present could do.

PLAYOFF BOX SCORES

Pranksters 64-45

PRANKSTERS—Welch 12-7-31, Hallion 3-2-8, McCarrick 2-0-4, Collins 6-1-13, Abbott 2-3-7, Ivas 0-0-0, Singleton 0-0-0, Peteruda 0-1-1  
Totals: 25-14-64  
BAD COMPANY—Sasseville 8-0-16, Keefe 3-2-8, Colangelo 1-0-2, Daley 2-1-5, Bieul 1-0-2, Parry 4-0-8, Orlando 2-0-4  
Totals: 21-3-45

Old Milwaukee 63-54

OLD MILWAUKEE—Malatos 0-0-0, Walker 11-7-29, Dodge 5-0-10, Caouette 2-0-4, Mausion 1-0-2, Schultz 0-0-0, Donnelly 6-4-16, Haverty 1-0-2  
Totals 26-11-63  
CONGRESSMEN—Higgins 4-2-10, Mitchell 1-0-2, Decy 3-0-6, McKay 5-5-15, White 1-0-2, Cassidy 9-1-19  
Totals: 23-8-54

Pranksters 78-64

PRANKSTERS—Abbott 10-1-21, Collins 9-0-18, Ivas 2-1-5, Hallion 3-0-6, McCarrick 3-2-8, Welch 7-2-16, Singleton 2-0-4  
Totals: 36-6-64  
OLD MILWAUKEE—Walker 10-4-24, Donnelly 5-1-11, Malatos 0-0-0, Mausion 0-0-0, Dodge 5-0-10, Schultz 2-0-4, Caoutte 7-1-15  
Totals 29-6-64

Duck Soup 55-51

DUCK SOUP—Stone 1-0-2, Murphy 6-0-12, Gosfrey 6-4-16, Fettig 2-1-5, Walkiwicz 5-2-12, Robkoff 4-0-8  
Totals: 23-9-55  
PRANKSTERS "B"—Corrao 5-2-12, McCaffrey 7-0-14, Chaisson 1-0-2, Crabtree 1-0-2, Coughlin 3-0-6, Govey 7-0-14  
Totals: 24-2-50

Hotel Herlihy 57-55

HOTEL HERLIHY—Catanzaro 9-5-23, Tederous 2-0-4, Leone 2-3-7, Burns 4-0-8, Mara 6-3-15, Creely 0-0-0, Colwell 0-0-0  
Totals: 23-11-57  
DUCK SOUP—Fettig 0-0-0, Godfrey 6-0-12, Walkowicz 13-3-29, Robkoff 2-0-4, Murphy 5-0-10, Stone 0-0-0  
Totals 26-3-55

Here are the final standings and scoring leaders of the regular intramural basketball season.

DIVISION 11

DIVISION 1		Muffs	7 1
		Pranksters "B"	5 1
Pranksters	8 2	Duck Soup	5 2
Congressmen	7 2	Hotel Herlihy	4 2
Bad Company	7 2	Mohawks	5 3
Old Milwaukee	6 4	Apostles	4 3
Koala Bears	4 6	Derelects	2 4
Gavaleer's	4 6	Fubars	2 4
Fenwick's	3 7	3rd South	2 4
Eso's	0 10	Zeros	0 6
		2nd North	0 6

High Game: Wayne Walker:  
16-5-37 pts. Div. 1

High Game: Tony Catanzaro:  
15-3-33 pts. Div. 11

TOP 10 SCORERS DIVISION 1

Name	Team	GP	FG	FT	PTS	PPG
C. Karalekas	Koala Bears	10	91	6	188	18.8
G. Mauning	Gay's	10	71	13	155	15.5
W. Walker	Old Milwaukee	8	68	16	152	19.0
S. Cassidy	Congressmen	9	69	14	152	16.9
D. Barresi	Eso's	6	70	9	149	24.8
M. Malloy	Koala Bears	10	62	18	142	14.2
M. Tierney	Gay's	10	57	14	128	12.8
R. Abbott	Pranksters	9	57	13	127	14.1
A. Caouette	Old Milwaukee	10	50	13	113	11.3
M. Joubert	Fenwicks	7	45	22	112	16.0

TOP 10 SCORERS DIVISION 11

Name	Team	GP	FG	FT	PTS	PPG
S. Walkowicz	Duck Soup	7	66	16	148	21.1
M. Desjean	Muffs	8	63	7	133	16.6
T. Catanzaro	Hotel Herlihy	6	60	12	132	22.0
T. Baribeault	Muffs	7	58	14	130	18.6
F. Baran	Mohawks	8	51	7	109	13.6
P. Godfrey	Duck Soup	7	46	10	102	14.6
J. Burke	Mohawks	8	44	11	99	12.4
T. Casey	Apostles	7	39	7	85	12.2
R. Clarke	3rd South	6	38	1	77	12.8
D. McCaffrey	Pranksters "B"	5	37	3	77	15.4

- NOTICES ETC.-

The members of the Newman Association would like to thank all students, especially the MOHAWKS for their help and support of the Coffee House for the Newman Scholarship Fund.

We would like to thank all of you for your interest and support of the Newman Center this year. We have really enjoyed working with you. Have a good summer. We look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

Ft. Jim Houston, SR. Katherine McKenna

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HELP!!!!

We need underclassmen to help usher at the graduation, to be held on June 8th at 2 p.m.

If you are interested please leave your name and hone number in the S.O.A. office. We would ask that ou be at the Civic Center at 12:30 on the graduation

lost my favorite book — Tijuana Sex Comics. If d please return to Bob in Room 329.

by Alexeivitch Malatov

I was a youth as crazy as a loon with love of Tonia. "Love is like an eggplant," she said to me, "it is a mature molestation of the utopian garden. It wrecks with lugubrious concubinage."

I did not even have the slightest idea of what she meant for she was a babbling idiot. It did not matter though, for Tonia had a baby that could withstand the coldest Siberian winter.

Tonia eroded my heart and ostracized me from her love when she went froliccing in a snow band with a German artillery captain. It was during the seige of Stalingrad. Her German lover, Otto Klopp, was a particularly naziating character. Otto had served two years in the concentration camps at Dachauu and had acquired an immensely drastic fear of showers. An intolerable stench eked from his body.

As their fescennine love glowed, I bathed in self-pity and my tears froze icicles down my cheeks. I gulped vodka, slept in the back alleys of Petrograd, and participated in obscene correspondence with my sister Victoria.

But, soon Tonia came crawling back to me for Otto died of elephantiasis. "I regret the past," she declared.

I was not a small man. (I was 240 pounds) I could easily forgive he the prodigious pain she had dealt me and therefore reunite our mundane passions. But I did not.

I traded Tonia to the local authorities for a Polish tractor.

To the Questions:

Dear Alexeivitch,

I love a certain girl who religiously worships and lustfully adores muscular football heroes, towering basketball players, and smooth track stars. What should I do with such a girl who is so fanatically wild about athletes?

Dear Comrade Chesterov,

It seems that your woman is an incurable jock-absorber. My advice to you is obvious — embark upon a sports-minded career. One of your sports could be the ancient Russian game of "Blodoznykov" (dancing the Russian ballet on your lover's face)

Help Me Alexeivitch,

Nobody ever talks to me. Nobody likes me. When I talk to people they just ignore me and pretend that I didn't say anything. What should I do?

Signed,

R.G.

Dear Alexieivitch,

Love with an Indian is not easy. Take for instance my relationship with a genuine Sioux warrior, Running Bare.

Once when he was very ill I fed him some bean and buffalo broth. He was so helpless there like that. I told him that I loved him without reservation. He was awfully offended, He bit my hand. "Would you bite the hand that feeds you?" I demanded. "Yes," he said.

Love with an Indian is not easy.

Signed,

Little Beaver

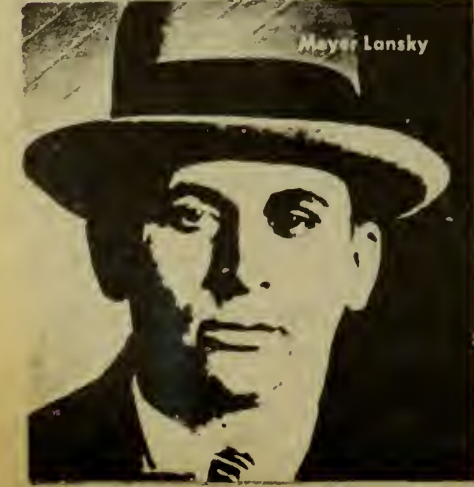
Signed,

Chester Humbercoat

Dear Little Beaver,

Love with an Indian may not be easy but what about a Czech-mate?

The Want Ads



They said this

For every soul that religion has saved there are a dozen that it has burned. Religion is by far the most ungodly representation of God that exists.

Author Unknown

I find no sweeter fat than sticks to my own bones.

Walt Whitman

The ancient Romans kept their youth upright, and taught their children nothing that could be learned sitting.

Montaigne

Frogs breed frogs.

S.G. Champion

History is principally the inaccurate narration of events which ought not to have happened.

E.A. Hooten

We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.

Oscar Wilde



"Screwed any good light bulbs lately, Ed?"